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PASS AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION
(ARBA)

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SUBJECT: "TORCH 200", FEO BICENTENNIAL EVENT

REF: A) STATE 080996; B) THE HAGUE 1629

1. "TORCH 200" RUNNERS LEFT MAASTRICHT APRIL 19 ON SCHEDULE AT 1345 HOURS. THERE WAS IMPRESSIVE SEND-OFF WITH HIGH MASS AT ST. SERVAAS CHURCH AT MAASTRICHT AND CEREMONY AT CITY HALL. ATTENDING WERE QUEEN'S COMMISSIONER FOR LIMBURG, BURGOMASTER OF MAASTRICHT AND AMBASSADOR GOULD. SPEECHES FROM BALCONY OF CITY HALL ON MAIN SQUARE OF CITY CONCERNING WARM EUROPEAN (ESPECIALLY-DUTCH)-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AS SYMBOLIZED BY THE TORCH, WERE MADE BY BURGOMASTER OF MAASTRICHT AND AMBASSADOR GOULD.

2. THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME CONFUSION IN MAASTRICHT CONCERNING DATE AND TIME OF PRESENTATION OF TORCH IN WASHINGTON. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER TIME WOULD BE APRIL 23 AT 1600 HOURS OR APRIL 24 AT 1800 HOURS. IN ORDER TO CLEAR UP THIS MATTER IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ARBA PHONE RONALD LEE GAUDREAU, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY BICENTENNIAL CORPORATION FOR THE EXACT DATE AND TIME.

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3. WE ASSUME THAT THE CAPITOL HILL CEREMONY OF APRIL 27 MENTIONED REF A IS SEPARATE FROM TORCH PRESENTATION

CEREMONY.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPT'S AND ARBA'S COOPERATION IN
MAKING THIS FEAO EVENT A SUCCESS.
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